



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: *Thursday, June 6, 2019*

Time: *6:30 pm*

Location: *Robbins Library, 4th Floor Conference Room*

Attendance:

Commissioners present: Mel Goldsipe (Chair), Julia Forsythe (Vice Chair), Lisa Krinsky, Helene Newberg, Bill Gardiner, Brooks Harrelson

Liaisons present: Acting Police Chief Julie Flaherty

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Commissioner Goldsipe reported that 2 Commission seats remain open. Hope to engage interested in candidates during Pride activities and then schedule interviews during summer so that they join by September.

Update from Arlington Acting Police Chief Julie Flaherty

Ongoing efforts continue re: the hate crimes and incidents in the area; working on strengthening relationships with variety of community groups (including continued collaboration with Rainbow Commission)

Porchfest and Pride

Porchfest plan is 12-2pm on 6/8 at front of COA. Pride picnic is next day 6/9 at same location. All agreed that next year's Pride picnic 2020 should be the following weekend so events aren't back to back. Efforts to promote events via social media, local networks. Commissioner Goldsipe to set up Pride display at Robbins Library.

Budget

Commissioner Gardiner reviewed FY 2020 budget and process with town liaison. He encouraged each Commissioner to submit a W-9 now so that we're in system already when submitting invoices for reimbursements.

Homelessness Task Force

New effort in Arlington. Commissioner Goldsipe to represent the Rainbow Commission.

Subcommittees – nothing at this time.

Liaisons and partnerships – See events listed below. Queer Mystic Youth has disbanded. Projects being taken over by others, including the Robbins Library & Rainbow Commission.

Correspondence received

Invitation to Open Theatre Project performance.

Crossfit Fundraiser to benefit GLAD.

Stratton has started a Rainbow Diversity Club.

Minutes approved for meetings held 4/11, 5/16 and for Pride subcommittee on 4/25 and 5/23.

Community events:

- Jun. 8: Queeraoke at the Porchfest PRIDE Stage, 12-2 pm, Academy Street entrance to the Senior Center (27 Maple St.).
- Jun. 9: Arlington PRIDE Picnic, 1-4 pm, Senior Center, 27 Maple St.
- Jun. 9: Lexington Pride, 11 am – 2 pm, Visitor Center Lawn, Lexington, MA.
- Jun. 13: Reel Queer Watches *Stonewall Uprising* in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. 6:30-8:30 pm, Robbins Library, 700 Mass Ave.
- Jun. 14: LexPride screening of *Brother Outsider*, 6:30-8:30 pm, Lexington Community Center. The film chronicles the life of Bayard Rustin, unsung hero of the Black and gay civil rights movements.
- Jun. 20: 50 Years Since Stonewall, 7-8:30 pm, The Depot in Lexington Center. LexPride, the Lexington Historical Society, and Greater Boston PFLAG host Professor Gary Bailey in a lively discussion of our modern history in the 50 Years Since Stonewall. A panel of LGBTQ+ folks representing several generations of history will also speak.

See <https://rainbowarlington.org> for additional events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM (Robbins Library, 4th Floor Conference Room).

Submitted by Lisa Krinsky, Commissioner